

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana State Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of **4.938 ha** of forest land in Armour Division of Nizamabad District for laying road from Devakkapet to Thatipally in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Nizamabad.– Final **(Stage.II) approval** accorded – Orders – issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 21

Dated: 29-04-2024

Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S, Hyd., Ref. No.593/2021-FCA1, Dated:27.09.2021.
- 2.Govt. Lr.No.3663/For.I(1)/2021, Dt.07.10.2021.
- 3.From Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, F.No.4-TSB233/2022-HYD/374, Dt.22.02.2022.
4. From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S, Hyd., Ref.No.FC1/FC03/2/2022, dt:27.05.2023.
- 5.Govt. Letter. No.3663/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:03.07.2023.
- 6.From the Inspector General of Forests(C), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub Office(RO, Chennai) Hyderabad, F.No.4-TSB233/2022-HYD/899, Dt.22.11.2023.
- 7.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Ref No.FC1/FC03/2/2022, Dt:22.03.2024.

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, T.S., Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of **4.938 ha** of forest land in Armour Division of Nizamabad District for laying road from Devakkapet to Thatipally in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Nizamabad.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, T.S., Hyderabad in her letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, IRO, Hyderabad, for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para-1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of **4.938 ha** of forest land in Armour Division of Nizamabad District for laying road from Devakkapet to Thatipally in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Nizamabad, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. Forest land shall be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency.
- iii. Demarcation of the forest land diverted shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the DFO concerned from the funds

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received from the User Agency before handing over the Forest Land to the UA for execution of road work. No breaking up of the FL for execution of Road work shall start before the FL is demarcated properly with RCC pillars.

- iv. Compensatory Afforestation:
 - Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department @ 100 plants per Ha and its maintenance over an area 4.938 Ha of Non-Forest Land(NFL) within the 16.1878 Ha(identified in lieu of three projects) in Sy.No.360 of Kosli(V) Navipet(M) of Nizamabad District at the cost of the User Agency and the entire non-forest land identified shall be fenced as proposed.
 - Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department @ 1000 plants per Ha and its maintenance over 4.938 ha (within the 14 ha patch identified) of Degraded Forest Land(DFL) identified in Comp.No.99 Sunket RF, Bheemgal Beat of Bheemgal Section of Kammarpally Range of Armoor Division at the cost of the User Agency. A mixture of local indigenous forestry tree species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- v. The identified Non-Forest Land for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and same shall be notified as RF/PF by the State Government within 6 Months from the date of issue of Stage-II approval and report compliance.
- vi. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the revenue earned out of felling of trees shall be deposited by the State Forest Department in the government account as per the prevailing norms of the State government.
- vii. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 Shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- viii. User Agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms, wherever possible.
- ix. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas.
- x. The user agency shall provide suitable under/over pass in Protected Area/Forest Area as per recommendations of CWLW/NBWL/FAC/REC and in consultation with the DFO.
- xi. The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental(Protection)Act, 1986, if applicable.
- xii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- xiii. No labour Camp shall be established on the forest land.
- xiv. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- xv. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.

- xvi. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- xvii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt.of India.
- xviii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guidelines F.No.11-42/2017-FC, dt:29.01.2018.
- xix. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change and/or its offices may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be complied by the UA and SFD.

The SFD Shall monitor the works by user agency to prevent any violation of the provision of FCA, 1980 and shall furnish a detailed condition wise compliance report to the Central Government (Sub Office, Hyderabad/Regional Office, Chennai) during and after completion of the road work by the Use Agency.

6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

A.VANI PRASAD
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

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